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IN REPLY PLEASE
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MOUNTAINS EDUCATION PROGRAM
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVANCY AUTHORITY
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2006-07
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the continuation of the Mountains Education Program to transport residents of the unincorporated County areas to recreational facilities in the Puente Hills, Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, Santa Monica Mountains, and mountain recreation/open space areas as part of the County's Fiscal Year 2006-07 Proposition A Local Return Transit Program. The estimated cost of the Program is \$15,900.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservancy Authority for this service, which covers a one-year period commencing on July 1, 2006.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since 1988, your Board has approved the use of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds to support the Mountains Education Program. These funds are used to provide community center groups, senior citizen groups, persons with disabilities, camps,

schools, and family and church groups from unincorporated areas of the County, with transportation to local parks, beaches, and mountain recreational/open space areas including the Puente Hills, Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, Santa Monica Mountains, and other mountain recreational/open spaces.

The majority of the participants are low income, disadvantaged, or have limited access to natural parklands. This Program continues to be an effective means for transporting groups of unincorporated County residents who would not otherwise have access to the above-mentioned areas. Because of the benefit to residents of the unincorporated County areas, we recommend continuation of the Program for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. This Program will provide an opportunity for patrons who have no other means of transportation to visit the Puente Hills, Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, Santa Monica Mountains, and other mountain recreational/open space areas.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost to provide this service for Fiscal Year 2006-07 is \$15,900. The cost will be allocated to each Supervisorial District (District) based on actual ridership from each District. The following estimated shares were determined based on the anticipated usage of this service by the residents of each District.

Supervisorial District 1	\$ 3,600
Supervisorial District 2	\$ 6,000
Supervisorial District 3	\$ 1,500
Supervisorial District 4	\$ 1,200
Supervisorial District 5	<u>\$ 3,600</u>
	\$15,900

The necessary funds are available in each District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The negotiated Agreement will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The Agreement will be executed by the Director of Public Works, or his designee, after receiving the signed Jury Service Program Exception and Certification forms. Should we not receive the signed forms from the Mountains Recreation Conservancy Authority, this service will be interrupted until we receive the forms and the Agreement is signed.

The Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, signing it.

In accordance with the Chief Administrative Officer's June 15, 2001, instructions, this Board letter constitutes Public Work's assurance that the Mountains Recreation and Conservancy Authority will not be requested to perform services that will exceed this contract's approved amount, scope of work, and/or terms.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to this recommended Agreement, which is for service that is required on an as-needed and intermittent basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 4, 2002, Synopsis No. 59, your Board found this service to be statutorily exempt from the California Environment Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21080 (b) (10).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Mountains Recreation and Conservancy Authority contracts with private transit service providers for service through a competitive process. The County's share of the cost of the service will be based on the actual cost of service provided to residents from unincorporated County areas.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

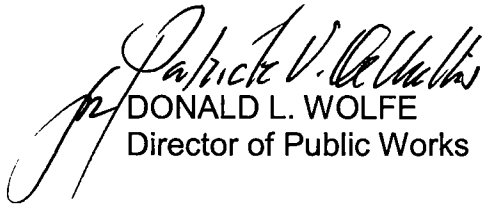
This action will not affect County personnel and provides for continuation of the current service.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel